IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

    Gonzalez *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-
ALIGNED ISOLATION TRENCH

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

    This communication is filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 27, 2010, and sets forth Applicants' comments, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

    In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicates:

    The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See Amendment and Remarks filed November 23, 2009.

As best understood, the Examiner's reason for allowance is the arguments presented by Applicants in the Amendment filed on November 23, 2009. Applicants concur with the reason as stated by the Examiner. However, since the Examiner did not provide detailed or specific reasons for allowance, to the extent that the Examiner's reason for allowance as stated is not relevant to, or wholly encompassing of, a particular claim, independent or dependent, Applicants assume that (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)) the Examiner has determined that the record of the prosecution as a whole of the application makes clear the reasons for allowing those claims. Further, it appears, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is not intended to encompass all of the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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